

## **EVESHAM MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

### **Meeting Minutes from July 1, 2026**

#### **Authority Board, Professionals and Staff in Attendance**

Present: Chairman Waters, Commissioners Tencza, Kipness, Druss & Willmott

Also Present: Executive Director Booth, Deputy Executive Director Puszcz, Asset Manager Vandenberg, Bond Counsel Hastie, Engineer Simpson and Board Secretary Krimmel

#### **Authority Board via Video Teleconferencing:**

Commissioner Sweeney and Schmidt

#### **Members of the Public:**

None

Chairman Waters called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

#### **Opening Statement:**

Board Secretary Kipness read the opening statement as follows:

Both adequate and electronic notice of this meeting, pursuant to both the Open Public Meetings Act and Emergency Remote Meeting Protocol advised in Local Finance Notice 2020-21, has been given by the Office Manager of the Evesham Municipal Utilities Authority on February 5, 2026 in the following manner:

1. E-mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post
2. Posting written notice on the official Evesham MUA website
3. Filing written notice with the Clerks of Evesham and Medford

This statement shall be entered into the minutes of this meeting

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**June 3, 2026** – On motion by Kipness, seconded by Druss, it was moved to approve the minutes of June 3, 2026.

RECORDED VOTE:            AYE: Kipness, Waters  
                                      NAY: None  
                                      ABSTAIN: Sweeney, Schmidt, Tencza

MOTION CARRIED: 2-0-3

**June 3, 2026** – On motion by Kipness, seconded by Sweeney, it was moved to approve the Executive Session minutes of June 3, 2026.

RECORDED VOTE:            AYE: Kipness, Waters  
                                      NAY: None  
                                      ABSTAIN: Sweeney, Schmidt, Tencza

MOTION CARRIED: 2-0-3

**June 12, 2026** – On motion by Kipness, seconded by Tencza, it was moved to approve the special meeting minutes of June 12, 2026.

RECORDED VOTE:            AYE: Sweeney, Schmidt, Kipness, Tencza, Waters  
                                      NAY: None  
                                      ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

## **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Agenda Items only)

None

## **FINANCIAL**

**Resolution 2026-80: Payment of Bills** – On motion by Tencza, seconded by Kipness, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2026-80** approving the payment of the June 2026 bills.

RECORDED VOTE:            AYE: Sweeney, Schmidt, Kipness, Tencza, Waters\*  
                                      NAY: None  
                                      ABSTAIN: Waters\* - Purchase Order #26-02088  
                                                          Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt

\*Chairman Waters advised that he must abstain approval of purchase order number 26-002088 for Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt due to a conflict of interest.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0 For Bill List items except P.O.#26-02088  
4-0-1 For Bill List item P.O.#26-02088

**Resolution 2026-81: Refunds, Credits & Cancellations** – On motion by Tencza, seconded by Kipness, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2026-81** approving the June 2026 refunds, credits & cancellations.

RECORDED VOTE:        AYE: Sweeney, Schmidt, Kipness, Tencza, Waters  
                              NAY: None  
                              ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

**Resolution 2026-83: Authorizing a One-year Contract through North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System** – On motion by Tencza, seconded by Kipness, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2026-83** authorizing a one-year contract through North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System to Rio Supply Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$835,000.00 for Neptune Ultrasonic Cold-Water Meters and Registers with Integrated Meter Interface Units. Executive Director Booth explained that this is performed annually to replenish our inventory in meters from Rio Supply.

RECORDED VOTE:        AYE: Sweeney, Schmidt, Kipness, Tencza, Waters  
                              NAY: None  
                              ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

**Resolution 2026-84: Approval of Change Order #1** – On motion by Kipness, seconded by Tencza, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2026-84** approval of Change Order #1 in the amount of \$74,250.16 to USA Contractors Corp. for Elmwood WWTP Roof Replacement. Executive Director Booth explained that the Board approved the replacement of roofs at Elmwood Plant; however, after they uncovered the roofs, they found things rotting that needed to be repaired.

RECORDED VOTE:        AYE: Sweeney, Schmidt, Kipness, Tencza, Waters  
                              NAY: None  
                              ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

**Resolution 2026-85: Award of a second One-year Contract Extension** – On motion by Tencza, seconded by Kipness, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2026-85** awarding a second one-year contract extension to R.D. Zeuli Inc. for Emergency Repairs Services in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00. Executive Director Booth explained that we use R. D. Zeuli for emergency repairs that are beyond the scope of the MUA. Executive

Director Booth believes they do a fantastic job, and they respond immediately when we need them.

RECORDED VOTE:        AYE: Sweeney, Schmidt, Kipness, Tencza, Waters  
                               NAY: None  
                               ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Booth advised the Board that there were two breaks since our last meeting. One was a water main break and the other was a force main sewer break. Both were repaired in-house. There were no discolored water complaints, but there were four odor in the water complaints this month. We could not replicate the odors when we went to the properties. We tested the water and they came back in compliance.

Executive Director Booth advised the Board that we had an active month on the sewer side of operations. We had some power failures at the plants which caused sewer system overflows. We reported them to NJDEP. We also had to provide an affirmative defense. The NJDEP will review it and advise if a violation occurred and if we will be fined.

Executive Director Booth informed the Board that Verizon sent the Authority a \$20,000.00 invoice stating that we hit their fiberoptics line in the Greenes section of town. We submitted it to JIF with documentation clearly showing that we did not hit it.

Executive Director Booth reminded the Board that last month Deputy Executive Director Puszcz discussed the T-Mobile lease amendment at Elmwood Plant. During the discussion she advised that the amendment included a rent guarantee of 7 years in the event of lease termination. During negotiations between our Cellular Lease Consultant and T-Mobile, this rent guarantee was eventually agreed to be 5 years rather than 7; however, the agreement provided to the Authority still contained language for 7 years rather than 5 years. The actual agreement will contain a clause for a 5-year rent guarantee in the event of lease termination rather than 7 years. All other terms and conditions remain the same.

Executive Director Booth advised the Board that the Authority participated in Marlton Day sponsored by the Marlton Business Association last month. He expressed appreciation to Jordan Stelweck and to everyone who stopped by. He received positive feedback about the event.

Executive Director Booth informed the Board that we hosted a mini seminar for NJWEA at Gibson House on Monday, June 8, 2026. We taught some of our employees along with other technicians in the region new ways and techniques on technology on the horizon.

Executive Director Booth advised the Board that the Authority will have a few vehicles participating in this Saturday's Township 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. We also donated 20 cases of water. We will also participate in National Night Out next month and provide water at that event.

Executive Director Booth informed the Board that the Authority is looking into a notification platform. Recently, we had a few issues in Kings Grant and residents felt that we lacked in communication. Executive Director Booth requested Office Manager Krimmel to look into some possibilities. She looked into TextMyGov.com and had a Zoom meeting to get a quote. Mayor Veasy and Township Manager Miller are also looking into that platform. A shared service agreement is a possibility.

**Resolution 2026-86: Resolution consenting to the Proposed Tri-County Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan Amendment for Evesboro Downs Park** – On motion by Tencza, seconded by Kipness, it was moved to approve **Resolution #2026-86** consenting to the Proposed Tri-County Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan Amendment for Evesboro Downs Park. Executive Director Booth advised the Board that the Township is doing upgrades to the park. The previous administration declared that ground as green acres. The Township now wants to unlock that agreement and add a concession stand and bathrooms. The Authority has agreed to amend the water quality management plan. The Township had to contact the County and the DEP for approval.

RECORDED VOTE: AYE: Sweeney, Schmidt, Kipness, Tencza, Waters  
 NAY: None  
 ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

### **Review of Engineer's Status Report**

**Update: South Side Water Storage Tank** – Nothing new to report.

**Update: Route 70 Water Main** – Contractor has one remaining punch list item to complete.

**Update: Elmwood UV Disinfection** – We are waiting for the manufacturer to remedy wiring defects on the UV equipment.

**Update: Cinelli Farm Lift Station** – The contractor continues making great progress on this project.

**Resolution 2026-82: Approval of Change Order #1** – On motion by Kipness, seconded by Tencza, it was moved to approve **Resolution 2026-82** approving Change

Order #1 in the credit amount of \$36,473.04 to B & H Contracting for Cinelli Farm Lift Station.

RECORDED VOTE: AYE: Sweeney, Schmidt, Kipness, Tencza, Waters  
 NAY: None  
 ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

**Update: Elmwood WWTP Generator Replacement** – A preconstruction meeting needs to be scheduled.

**Update: Kings Grant Drive Water Main Replacement** – The contractor is coming to the end of the water main replacement. When the contractor ties into Taunton Lakes Road and Kings Grant Drive, the road will be closed. The contractor will have signs to notify residents.

**Resolution 2026-87: Award of Contract in excess of \$53,000** – On motion by Tencza, seconded by Kipness, it was moved to adopt **Resolution #2026-87** awarding a contract for Engineer Services to Alaimo Group in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for Paving Services on Kings Grant Drive.

RECORDED VOTE: AYE: Sweeney, Schmidt, Kipness, Tencza, Waters  
 NAY: None  
 ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

**Update: Well No. 8 Replacement** – The well has been installed and developed. The final pump test is being conducted this week.

**Update: Pine Grove Pump Station Rehabilitation** – Nothing new to report.

**Update: Cambridge Park Water Main Replacement** – Survey is complete. Design is underway.

**Motion to approve S-3/W-3 for Anders Cairns – The Rock's All-Day Café** – On motion by Kipness, seconded by Tencza, it was moved to approve S-3/W-3 for Anders Cairns – The Rock's All-Day Café - 501 Route 73, Suite 102

RECORDED VOTE: AYE: Sweeney, Schmidt, Kipness, Tencza, Waters  
 NAY: None  
 ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

## **GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT**

Bond Counsel Hastie had nothing new to report.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

Commissioner Willmott expressed appreciation to the entire staff. He hopes that the Kings Grant Drive water main replacement project ends well. He hopes to see everyone at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

Commissioner Druss expressed condolences to Commissioner Schmidt on the loss of his mother. He will not be attending the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade as "Evesham Sam" as he has a family commitment to attend. He also expressed appreciation to the entire staff.

Commissioner Sweeney expressed condolences to Commissioner Schmidt on the loss of his mother. He is happy to hear that we will be repaving Kings Grant Drive. He expressed concern to all the employees who work outside during the heat wave that we will be experiencing.

Commissioner Schmidt expressed appreciation for the kind words about the passing of his mother. He expressed appreciation to Executive Director Booth for his partnership with the Township and leading the Authority. He agreed with Commissioner Sweeney about the concern of our employees who work outside.

Commissioner Kipness expressed condolences to Commissioner Schmidt on the loss of his mother. He hopes that all the employees stay safe, stay hydrated and take care of one another in the coming heat wave. He expressed appreciation to the entire staff.

Commissioner Tencza expressed condolences to Commissioner Schmidt and his family on the loss of his mother. He expressed appreciation to the staff, the professionals and operating group for all their hard work. He looks forward to seeing everyone at the parade.

Chairman Waters expressed condolences to Commissioner Schmidt on the loss of his mother. He expressed concern to all the employees who work outside during the heat wave that we will be experiencing. He is happy to hear that the Authority will be participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

There was a motion to adjourn by Tencza, seconded by Kipness. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

RECORDED VOTE:            AYE: Sweeney, Schmidt, Kipness, Tencza, Waters

NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

The next meeting of the Evesham Municipal Utilities Authority is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

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Christine Krimmel  
Office Manager

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: \_\_\_\_\_